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## *Reconnections* REUNION 2008

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# The Centennial Wall

Due to popular demand, the deadline has been extended. Reserve your space now before the wall fills up.



## The Centennial Wall is a tribute

to those who have had a significant financial impact on the university since its opening.

It will feature the names of those who have given \$100,000 or more to the university from 1901 through the end of *The Centennial Campaign for GGU* on Dec. 31, 2008.

## The Centennial Wall is a commemoration and an inspiration

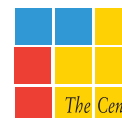
honoring those who have given in the past and inspiring those who will give in the future.

It will have a prominent and permanent position in the lobby of the university's main building at 536 Mission St.

## The Centennial Wall is a one-time opportunity

to be a part of this historic moment in the life of Golden Gate University.

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ACTING DEAN ALAN RAMO

### Join the Alumni Association Board of Directors!

**Consider joining the GGU Alumni Association Board of Directors!** This volunteer board includes an accomplished group of alumni from our law school and other GGU schools, who meet quarterly to recommend priorities for the university's alumni program and build upon our diverse and engaged community of legal and other professionals. For more information, contact Jo Ann Lucero at [alumni@ggu.edu](mailto:alumni@ggu.edu).

**L**ately we've been hearing a lot about change. We've witnessed the excitement anticipated change can bring—for example, among the millions of young people in the United States who have become engaged in and excited by the political process on a scale not seen in generations—but also the inherent unease in facing the unknown, such as the uncertainties and fears expressed by individuals and nations grappling with global climate change.

Change is nothing new, but it does provide new opportunities. I am extremely pleased to have been given the opportunity, by my colleagues on the School of Law faculty and by GGU President Dr. Dan Angel, to serve as acting dean of the Law School effective August 1 for the coming academic year. I succeed Dean Frederic White, who stepped down as dean at the end of July to become dean of Texas Wesleyan School of Law. I will continue to be acting dean until our process for selecting a new full-term dean is completed.

Dean White has left a great legacy to our Law School, by implementing exciting new program initiatives, hiring outstanding new faculty, and overseeing the great progress of our Law Library expansion project. Most important, he led the faculty in developing and executing our Bar Passage Plan, which served to dramatically increase GGU's first-time passage rate on the California bar exam and helped get us taken off ABA probation. The School of Law is in a great position, thanks in no small part to Dean White.

My own history with the School of Law began in 1994, when I joined GGU as co-founder of the Environmental Law and Justice Clinic. I directed the clinic until last summer. (My colleague Associate Professor Helen Kang has been named clinic director following a national search.) I also have directed our LLM in Environmental Law Program and taught several environmental law courses, as well as Civil Procedure. I have litigated numerous environmental cases and founded, directed, and served on the boards of local, regional, and statewide environmental and community nonprofit organizations.

As acting dean, my priorities will be to oversee continued success in our bar passage efforts; oversee completion of our Law Library expansion; facilitate faculty innovations in our academic programs; promote our distinguished programs in taxation, intellectual property, environmental law, and criminal law; and build upon our financial support from alumni and friends of the Law School and University. I welcome your input on how we can best meet these priorities and position the Law School to serve future generations of law students in an ever-shifting legal landscape, all while holding fast to our mission of increasing access for diverse populations to a quality legal education.

In my time at GGU, I have witnessed so many lives changed for the better as a result of our commitment to increasing access. For one example, see page 24 for a profile of Marie Galanti (JD 02), a “nontraditional” student who found GGU Law an extremely welcoming environment where she was able to obtain a law degree and embark on a new career in her late 50s.

Golden Gate Law is a dynamic community, both on campus—where world leaders and luminaries in the California legal community frequently visit and interact with students—and beyond, with our alumni mentoring and hiring our students and networking in a variety of venues (eg, at The Palace Hotel for our Law Reunion held earlier this year). I look forward to becoming more engaged with all members of the GGU Law community and in steering the course of GGU Law in the coming year.

Regards,

Alan Ramo, Acting Dean

*For more about Acting Dean Ramo, see page 16.*



## Two New Visiting Faculty to Teach Environmental Law

*Two educators with expertise in environmental law have joined GGU for 2008-09.*

**Deborah Behles**, who has served as a trial attorney with the US Department of Justice in Washington, DC, since 2001, will teach the Environmental Law and Justice Clinic and Seminar in the School of Law beginning in the fall 2008 term. At the Department of Justice, Behles litigated and settled several civil environmental claims, taught classes at the National Advocacy Center, and has been recognized for her work on the Duke Energy Team, Illinois Power Trial Team, Westvaco Trial Team, Power Plant Appellate Teams and the American Electric Power Trial Team—and her work

on the latter team earned her a Gold Medal from the US Environmental Protection Agency.

Behles holds a bachelor's degree in engineering from Purdue University and a law degree from the University of Minnesota, where she taught First-Year Legal Writing and served as an editor of the *Minnesota Law Review*. Her publications have included "A Wrong Turn Crushes Protective Air Regulations: *American Trucking Ass'n v. EPA*," 85 *Minnesota Law Review* 319 (November 2000).



**Paul Kibel**, of counsel to and a former partner at Fitzgerald, Abbott & Beardsley LLP, where he has been with the environmental/land use practice group since 1998, has joined GGU as a visiting assistant professor and codirector of the GGU Environmental Law Program.

Kibel has taught at the School of Law since 1997. His courses have included Urban Environmental Law, Toxics Law & Policy, and Trade and the Environment. He also has directed the Law School's City Parks Project, authored the 2007 GGU report "Access to Parkland: Environmental Justice at East Bay Parks," and served as faculty editor of the *Golden Gate University Environmental Law Journal*. He has taught at the University of California, Berkeley, and Stanford University. He received his BA from Colgate University, his JD from Willamette University College of Law, and his LLM

from UC Berkeley School of Law.

Kibel's areas of law and policy expertise include water rights law, urban rivers and urban parks, environmental assessment under state and federal environmental laws, and environmental rules under North American trade agreements. He has published dozens of journal articles and reports and is the author of the books *Rivertown: Rethinking Urban Rivers* (MIT Press, 2007) and *The Earth on Trial: Environmental Law on the International Stage* (Routledge Press, 1999). From 2002 to 2007 he served as co-chair of the National Resources Subsection of the Real Property Section of the State Bar of California. At GGU Kibel will teach Environmental Law and Policy in fall 2008, a Water-Climate Change Seminar in spring 2009, and Civil Procedure in both semesters.

## Professor Rachel Van Cleave Appointed Associate Dean



**P**rofessor Rachel Van Cleave, a member of the faculty since 2004, has been named associate dean for academic affairs in the School of Law, effective July 1. Her two-year term in the position follows that of Professor Robert Calhoun, who has returned to full-time teaching in the Law School. As associate dean, Van Cleave oversees administration of JD academic programs. Her scholarship, which has included several published journal articles and book chapters and for which she received a J. William Fulbright Research Grant, focuses on comparative criminal justice and constitutional law.

Before joining GGU, Van Cleave was J. Hadley Edgar Professor at Texas Tech University School of Law, where she taught for 11 years and served on several committees and the Faculty Senate.

She also has taught at the University of

Richmond School of Law, Santa Clara Law School, Stanford Law School, and UC Hastings College of the Law. Her courses at GGU have included Comparative Criminal Justice, Gender and the Law, Property, Wills and Trusts, and Criminal Law. She is a graduate of Hastings, where she received her JD, and Stanford, where she received both her BS and JSM degrees. After law school she clerked for the Hon. Sam D. Johnson, US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

Van Cleave has been actively engaged in both academic and other aspects of campus life at GGU. She spearheaded the Katrina Seminar and has organized well-received symposia on legal issues related to the response to Hurricane Katrina. She also has served on the GGU Law Community Building Committee and is a core member of the new Law and Leadership Program (see page 12).



Helen Kang

## Associate Professor Helen Kang Appointed Director of Environmental Law and Justice Clinic

**A**ssociate Professor Helen Kang, who has served as acting director of the GGU Environmental Law and Justice Clinic (ELJC) for the past year, was appointed clinic director effective July 1 following

a national search.

Before joining the law school in 2000 as director of the clinic's Clean Air Accountability Project, she served for seven years as a trial attorney with the Environmental Enforcement Section of the US Department of Justice, where she successfully represented the EPA and other federal agencies in litigation against corporate polluters. She also was a partner at the San Francisco law firm of Goodman Kang LLP, where she represented businesses, citizen groups, and individuals in cases involving federal and state environmental laws.

During her career, Kang has successfully handled an \$8 million cleanup of the Richmond harbor; tried a multi-million dollar penalty and cleanup case against NL Industries; compelled oil refineries to improve petroleum storage

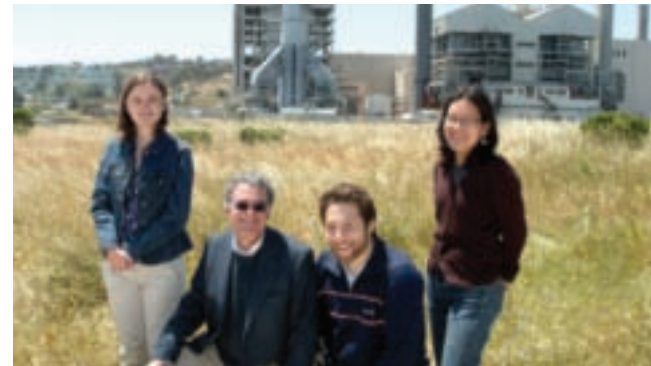
tanks; and obtained significant penalties and/or settlements from the EPA, South Coast Air Quality Management District, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, Caltrans, Mirant Potrero, LLC and other corporate and public entities for violating federal and/or state clean air or water laws.

At GGU, Kang has taught the Environmental Law and Justice Clinic and Seminar and been a dedicated educator and advocate. Some of her recent successes with the clinic include serving as lead attorney on a case representing Oakland, California-based Communities for a Better Environment against Pacific Steel Casting Company, which operates a steel casting foundry in West Berkeley, California. The company settled with Communities for a Better Environment and agreed to reduce air pollution from the foundry. Kang also was the clinic's lead lawyer in a case brought by citizen groups in Northern California who charged that Evergreen Pulp Mill Inc.'s pulp mill located near Eureka was violating Clean Air Act standards. The company settled with the plaintiffs and agreed to install pollution control equipment and take

other steps to reduce toxic emissions. Under Kang's leadership the clinic has also achieved several other important victories, including one on behalf of clients fighting San Bernardino (Calif.) County's proposed open-air sewage sludge compost facility. (See page 9).

When she began her legal career in 1990, Kang was one of the first Asian-American environmental lawyers in the United States, and she is currently one of very few Asian-American directors of a US law school clinic. She holds a JD from UC Berkeley School of Law and a BA from Yale College, where she graduated *cum laude*.

**BELOW:** Clinic Director Helen Kang, right, acting dean and former Director Alan Ramo (second from left) and former student clinicians at an aging power plant that the clinic helped shut down.



## Employment Law Expert Heather Murr Joins GGU as Associate Professor

**H**eather S. Murr, formerly a visiting professor at the University of San Diego School of Law, has joined Golden Gate Law as an associate professor. At San Diego, she taught Gender Discrimination, Gender and Law, and Professional Responsibility. Her courses at Golden Gate, where she will begin teaching in fall 2008, will include Torts and Employment Discrimination.

Murr received USD's Excellence in Teaching Award in 2005. Her publications include

"The Continuing Expansive Pressure to Hold Employers Strictly Liable for Supervisory Sexual Extortion: An Alternative Approach Based on Reasonableness," 39 *UC Davis Law Review* 529 (2006).

Prior to teaching, Murr practiced employment litigation at Heller Ehrman White & McAuliffe in San Francisco, where she represented Fortune 500 companies in state and federal court and was a frequent speaker on employment law issues. She subsequently also

practiced in the area of employee benefits law at Gibson Dunn & Crutcher in Orange County, California, and at Cooley Godward Kronish LLP in San Diego. She holds bachelor's degrees in economics and political science from the University of California, Riverside, and a law degree from UC Hastings College of the Law. She served as associate articles editor for the *Hastings Communications and Entertainment Law Journal* and has externed for Hon. Vaughn R. Walker, US District Court, Northern District of California.



Associate Professor **MICHELE BENEDETTO**'s article "Crisis on the Immigration Bench: An Ethical Perspective" was published in the *Brooklyn Law Review* (Vol. 73, p. 467, 2008) and posted on the May 6 edition of *Bender's Immigration Review*, where it received considerable publicity. The article was listed on SSRN's Top Ten download list for LC: Judicial Decision-making (Topic). In March, she spoke at a symposium, "No Place to Live: The Housing Crisis Facing Youth Aging out of Foster Care," at St. John's School of Law in New York, where she discussed novel legal theories and advocacy strategies for advocates working with former foster youth.

Professor **ROGER BERNHARDT**'s contributions to the May 2008 edition of the *CEB Real Property Law Reporter* include a column on priority of loans over leases and comments on several cases concerning arbitration clauses, CEQA review, and other topics.

Professor **LESLIE BURTON** has won a fellowship from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). DAAD is a publicly funded independent organization of higher education institutions in Germany that provides financial support for international research and teaching. During late spring and summer 2008 Burton taught Introduction to Common Law Legal Systems at the Friedrich Alexander University of Erlangen Nuremberg, Germany, where she was affiliated with Professor Klaus Vieweg, who heads the university's prestigious Institute for Law and Technology.



ROBERT CALHOUN

Professor **ROBERT CALHOUN** will return to full-time teaching in the School of Law this fall after serving two years as associate dean for academic affairs.

Associate Professor **ERIC CHRISTIANSEN** participated in a conference, "Law Poverty, and Economic Inequality," in April at Valparaíso University School of Law. His 2007 article "Adjudicating Non Judiciable Rights: Socio Economic Rights and the South African Constitutional Court" will be translated into Portuguese for a Brazilian book about social rights.

His article, "Exporting South Africa's Social Rights Jurisprudence" has been published in the *Loyola University Chicago International Law Journal*. An earlier article, "Ending the Apartheid of the Closet: Sexual Orientation in the South African Constitutional Process" is quoted in an article in the African publication *Diplomatic Courier* in an article about gay rights in Sub-Saharan Africa.

**ROD FONG**, assistant dean for bar exam services, participated in a roundtable discussion on diversity sponsored by the Bar Association of San Francisco that included deans and directors from the Law School Admissions Council, University of San Francisco Law School, UC Hastings Legal Education Opportunity Program, and UC Berkeley School of Law. The discussion transcript was published in *San Francisco Attorney* magazine.

A book review by Associate Professor **WILLIAM GALLAGHER** of Stanford Law School anthropologist Sarah Jain's *Injury: The Politics of Product Design and Safety Law in the United States* has been published in the online *Law and Politics Book Review* (Volume 18, No. 1, January 2008). His essay "What is a 'Law and Society' Approach to Intellectual Property?" has been reprinted in *Jurisprudence and Social Policy Program/Center for the Study of Law and Society Faculty Working Papers* (UC Berkeley School of Law) No. 63, 2008. In addition, he organized two sessions, "Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Intellectual Property" and "Enforcing and Resisting Intellectual Property," and presented papers at both for the joint Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association and Canadian Law and Society Association held in Montreal on May 29.

Professor **MARC GREENBERG**'s article "Reason or Madness: A Defense of Copyright's Growing Pains" is the lead article in the *John Marshall Review of Intellectual Property Law* (7 J. Marshall Rev. Intell. Prop. L. 1, 2007).

Professor **HELEN HARTNELL**'s article "Living La Vida Lex Mercatoria," was published in the XII N.S. *Uniform Law Review* (733-760, 2007).

Associate Professor **HELEN KANG** has been named director of the Environmental Law and Justice Clinic. (See page 4.) She appeared on the NBC11 program *Bay Area Vista* in April with a representative of Youth United for Community Action, based in East Palo Alto, to discuss the clinic's work in supporting that and other community organizations.

Professor and Dean Emeritus **PETER KEANE** has been widely quoted on a variety of legal subjects in the media throughout 2008, particularly regarding the indictment of Barry Bonds and perjury investigation of Roger Clemens, in such media outlets as National Public Radio, the Associated Press, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *New York Daily News*, and *London Daily Telegraph*.

Professor **MYRON MOSKOVITZ** will deliver the James Otis Lecture at the University of Mississippi School of Law on November 11, 2008. The lecture will be based on his article, "A Rule in Search of a Reason: An Empirical Reexamination of *Chimel* and *Belton*" (*Wisconsin L. Rev.* 657, 2002), which was cited by US Supreme Court justices Antonin Scalia and Ruth Bader Ginsburg in *Thornton v. U.S.*, 541 US 615 (2004). He led 14 "Moot Courts for Practicing Lawyers" in spring 2008 for attorneys to hone their arguments before arguing them in court.

Associate Professor **CHRIS OKEKE**'s article "The Scramble for Africa's Oil and Mineral Resources: Blessing or Curse?" was published in *The International Lawyer—A Quarterly Journal of the ABA Section of International Law*, published in cooperation with SMU School of Law (Volume 42 Number 1, Spring 2008).

MARC GREENBERG



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**DAVID OPPENHEIMER**, professor and associate dean for faculty development, will serve as a visiting professor at UC Berkeley School of Law in fall 2008. The National Institute for Trial Advocacy has published the 4th edition of Oppenheimer's case file *Rowe v. Pacific Quad, Inc.*, with problems and teaching notes. In addition, his article about Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy was published in the spring edition of the *DAJV Newsletter* of the German-American Lawyers' Association, and his essay "Brief Remarks on the Unexpected Importance of Probationary Periods within a System of 'Employment at Will'" appears in the April 2008 edition of *Revue de Droit du Travail* (Delloz). His essay "Why France Needs to Collect Data on Racial Identity . . . in a French Way" appears in 31 *Hastings Int'l & Comp L. Rev.* 735-751 (2008).

Professor **ALAN RAMO** has been appointed acting dean of the School of Law. (See page 16.)

Professor **SUSAN RUTBERG** made two presentations in February: "The Causes of Wrongful Convictions," a program sponsored by Yolo County Public Defender Barry Melton at the Inns of Court, in Davis, California; and "Supervising Attorneys: Our Best Allies, Worst Obstacles, or Our Other Students" at the "Externship 4 Conference," Seattle University Law School. In addition, her work on the wrongful conviction case of Pete Rose, who was later exonerated, is featured in an editorial titled "Slaughter of the Innocence" in the February 25 *Los Angeles Times*.

Professor **RACHEL VAN CLEAVE** has been appointed the School of Law's associate dean for academic affairs on July 1 (see page 3).

Professor **MICHAEL ZAMPERINI** is one of several GGU Law professors who provided legal expertise and perspective in the local and national media following the historic California Supreme Court ruling on same-sex marriage this spring. Zamperini was interviewed by CBS Channel 5.

Adjunct Professor **KEN ALEX**, supervising deputy attorney general in the California Department of Justice, received the American Bar Association Award for Distinguished Achievement in Environmental Law at the ABA's Annual Meeting in San Francisco in August 2007. As reported previously in this magazine, Alex is a leading expert on environmental law and enforcement who has handled major cases in California relating to greenhouse gas emissions and taught a course on "Global Warming and the Courts" at Golden Gate.

Adjunct Professor **TERESA CAFFESE**, chief attorney of the San Francisco Public Defender's office, was named one of the 2008 Top Women Litigators by the *Daily Journal* in its May 14 supplement.

Adjunct Professor **ARTHUR GEMMELL** (SJD 07) has published a book titled *Western and Chinese Arbitration: The Arbitral Chain* (University Press of America, 2008).

Adjunct Professor **BARTON SELDEN** received a Fulbright Award to lecture on international business and US intellectual property law at the Prague University of Economics in spring 2008. In April he taught a short course on US trademark law at the University of Mainz, Germany.

**ANGELA DALFEN** and **COURTNEY FITZGIBBONS**, staff members in GGU Law Career Services, presented programs at the National Association for Law Placement's Annual Education Conference in Toronto in April. Dalfen, assistant director for public interest and student leadership programs, and Fitzgibbons, assistant director for employer relations, co-presented a program titled "Integrating Student Organizations into Career Services Programming." Dalfen also served on two panels at the conference: "Solomon Amendment and Amelioration 2008: Where Do We Stand?" and "Maximize Your School's Public Interest Community with a Scholars Program."

## Faculty Cites

*"Every now and then you strike oil, but I would be very surprised if Judge Illston dismissed the case. It's not going to happen."* — Professor and Dean Emeritus

Peter Keane, on Barry Bonds' effort to get federal indictment dismissed, 2/28 *Sports Illustrated*.

*The ultimate definition of a sweatshop is a place where people work and get paid nothing."*

—Professor and Director Marci Seville, GGU Women's Employment Rights Clinic, 4/18 *San Francisco Chronicle*.

*"The court is saying that something that is not the same is inherently unequal."* —Professor Michael Zamperini, on the California Supreme Court ruling on gay marriage, 5/16 CBS 5.com.

*"We demand accountability from the government that is supposed to be protecting us."* —Associate Professor Helen Kang, director of the Environmental Law and Justice Clinic, 4/20 NBC 11 program *Bay Area Vista*.

## FULBRIGHT SYMPOSIUM DRAWS 120 SCHOLARS, DIPLOMATS, STUDENTS, AND OTHER GUESTS

### *ICJ Judge Abdul G. Koroma Delivers Keynote Address on “Multiculturalism and International Law”*

In April the School of Law and the Sompong Sucharitkul Center for Advanced International Legal Studies hosted the 18th Annual Fulbright Symposium on campus, with the theme of “The Politics of International Law.” The symposium attracted nearly 120 legal scholars, diplomats, practitioners, and students from around the globe.

The keynote speaker was His Excellency Judge Abdul G. Koroma of the International Court of Justice at The Hague. Koroma has served on the World Court since 1994. His many other high-ranking posts have included high commissioner and ambassador of Sierra Leone to the United Nations and several countries. He holds a number of advanced degrees, honorary degrees, and other distinguished honors in international law and was honored with the International Institute of Humanitarian Law Prize for the Promotion, Dissemination and Teaching of International Humanitarian Law. He also received the Order of Grand Officer of the Republic of Sierra Leone for his public service to the country.

In his Fulbright address, titled “Multiculturalism and International Law,” Koroma expressed pleasure at speaking in San Francisco, where the United Nations charter was originally signed, and at the increasingly diverse membership at the UN over the years. “Never before has the United Nations and the United Nations community been as truly international as it is today,” he said, noting that African nation membership has grown from just four countries to half of all 192 member nations today.

Koroma stressed the importance of incorporating international cultures and traditions into international law. He called for a “transcivilizational” perspective and approach to international law so that nations may “borrow from each civilization and carry the commonalities in values forward.”



*Above, from left, Associate Professor and Director Chris Okeke, ICJ Judge Abdul G. Koroma, and Professor and Associate Dean Jon Sylvester.*

Africans and African-Americans in Northern California and friends hosted a special evening celebration for Judge Koroma during his visit to the Bay Area. At the dinner, held in Oakland, US Reps. Barbara Lee and George Miller, Oakland Mayor Ron Dellums, and State Rep. Sandre Swanson presented Koroma with a proclamation recognizing his efforts for fairness and justice on the world stage. The People’s Club of Nigeria International Northern California also presented him with a plaque in recognition of his contributions to world peace.

Other distinguished speakers at the GGU Fulbright Symposium included Miro Cerar, Fulbright visiting scholar at GGU; Gocha Lordkipanidze, Fulbright visiting scholar at Columbia University; Ping Guo, Fulbright visiting scholar at the Maritime Law Center at Tulane University School of Law; Moussa Samb, Fulbright visiting scholar at Georgetown University Law Center; Emeka Duruigbo (SJD 02), assistant professor at Thurgood Marshall School of Law; and GGU adjunct professors Warren Small and Remigius Chibueze (LLM 03, SJD 06). Topics of their presentations included the politics of sovereignty and international law and the politics of war crimes tribunals. The symposium organizer was Chris Okeke, associate professor and director of the SJD and LLM Programs in International Legal Studies at GGU.



*ABOVE: Judge Koroma delivers his keynote address.*



## LAW LIBRARY EXPANSION 2008: More Space, More Seats, More Shelves

By Michael Daw

**T**he GGU Law Library is in the middle of a major renovation and expansion project that began in 2005 with the replacement of the stationary bookshelves in the library basement with movable, compact bookshelves. The project will culminate this December with the renovation of the street level and plaza level. When remodeling is complete,



the Law Library will seat more than 400, up from its current capacity of approximately 220; there will be new furniture in the first-floor reading room and plaza-level student carrel areas; and all areas will have new carpeting.

### New Entry and Reading Room

The new entry to the Law Library will be on the street level, instead of one flight below. As you enter, the circulation desk will be on the right, the reference area will be directly in front, and the reading room will be through doors on the left.

The new reading room will feature study carrels around its perimeter and long study tables in the center, with electricity for laptop computers, and wireless and wired access to GGU's online network. GGU Law students will be able to concentrate in comfortable, quiet quarters, while reference consultation can take place at the nearby reference desk. The highly used practice materials will be in the open reserve section adjacent to the reference area.

Many of the Law Library staff will be situated in new staff work space on the street level. These staff will include technical service staff, who order, receive, catalog, shelve, and discard library materials; and circulation staff, who check material in and out to faculty and students.

Two lavatories will also be installed in the first-floor library space.



### Plaza-Level Student Carrels

Former staff space on the plaza level will be replaced with some 75 wired study carrels as well as with offices for the new *GGU Environmental Law Journal*. The Law Library will continue to provide space for the *GGU Law Review* staff, as it has for many years.

In summary, by the end of 2008, the GGU Law Library will:

- add a first floor to the Law Library with a 100-seat reading room; expected move-in is early November 2008; and
- replace the old staff offices on the plaza level with about 75 carrels for student use by December 31, 2008.

The Law Library Expansion Project has been made possible in large part by the generous donations from friends and alumni, who have to date raised \$1.5 million toward a total estimated project cost of approximately \$4 million. A plaque in the library entrance area will honor one such donor, Dean Emeritus Judith McKelvey. If you would like to contribute to the Law Library project, please contact Susan Neuwirth at 415-442-7817 or [sneuirth@ggu.edu](mailto:sneuirth@ggu.edu).

*Michael Daw is associate dean and director of the Law Library.*



Steffanie  
Bevington

## GGU Student Obtains Coveted Internship at The Hague

**S**teffanie Bevington, who begins her final year of law school at GGU this fall, will spend the fall term as an intern in Judicial Trial Chambers II at the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (UNICTY) at the Hague. She will support UNICTY judges and senior legal officers, observe court proceedings, and participate in analysis and discussion with judges following proceedings.

"For many years, I have hoped to work for the United Nations, so this internship is a dream come true—even if only temporary!" says Bevington, whose interest in international human rights focuses on the rights of women and children. The recipient of numerous GGU honors—including an Anthony J. Pagano Dean's Merit Scholarship and induction into the Jesse Carter Society—and a member of *GGU Law Review*, Bevington obtained her upcoming internship with help from GGU Law Career Services.





## Environmental Law Clinic & Co-Counsel Win Case for Residents In Town Made Famous by Erin Brockovich

A group of residents in Hinkley, the rural California town Erin Brockovich made famous in a landmark case against a utility for contaminating the local water supply, has won another environmental case—this one against the county, for its approval of a proposed open-air sewage sludge compost facility. The residents were represented by Golden Gate’s Environmental Law and Justice Clinic (ELJC) and the Center on Race, Poverty and the Environment (CRPE).

In the lawsuit, HelpHinkley.org and the Center for Biological Diversity had argued that the proposed Hawes Composting Facility Project, to be located near the former Hawes Airport (about 8 miles west and upwind of Hinkley), posed potential environmental risks because it would ferment human sewage sludge and other waste products in the open air. The groups charged that San Bernardino County failed to adequately consider mitigation measures—in particular, enclosing the proposed facility—that would reduce potential environmental impacts before it approved the Environmental Impact Report by Nursery Products LLC, the company proposing the facility.

In April, San Bernardino County Superior Court Judge John Vander Feer agreed, ruling that the county must conduct further environmental review and consider the feasibility of enclosing the proposed facility.

“It is extremely gratifying to know that our concerns were validated and the judge sided with us,” says Norm Diaz of HelpHinkley.org. “We understand the need to compost and deal with waste responsibly. But our communities are not the producers of the majority of sewage sludge in Southern California that would go to this proposed facility. If we are forced to deal with other areas’ waste, we should be protected from any possible effects with the use of state-of-the-art technologies.”

“Our victory in this case gives the county a second chance to protect the environment and the health and welfare of Hinkley residents by requiring this facility to use today’s technology, rather than last century’s,” adds Kassie Siegel, climate, air, and energy program director at the Center for Biological Diversity.

Participating attorneys in the case included Brent Plater, then a GGU visiting assistant professor and ELJC staff attorney who led the GGU team, and Caroline Farrell (JD 99) and Ingrid Brostrom of CRPE. “We are encouraged that the judge saw matters our way,” Brostrom says. “We hope that the county takes this opportunity to provide Hinkley residents with the same level of protection that is already required in other areas.”

Golden Gate law student clinicians who worked on the case included Alicia Pradas-Monné, who argued the case in court with Brostrom, and Shannon Chaney, Mike Flynn, Clarence Lee, Reta Diekman, Courtney Hildreth, Laura Kent-Monning, Kim Chew, and Greta Smit. Others who helped the GGU team included ELJC Graduate Fellow Ashling McAnaney, professors Helen Kang, Myron Moskovitz and Alan Ramo, ELJC Staff Scientist Ken Kloc, and clinic assistant Fe Gonzalez.

McAnaney described her experience in working on the case as “baptism by fire. I gained great experience as a result. It was my first attempt at brief writing and being part of a team during litigation. Ultimately, I witnessed firsthand how much effort and dedication and sacrifice (the reply was written over the Christmas and New Year’s holiday) was required of everyone: the professors, Alicia, our co-counsel at CRPE ... in order to obtain this much-deserved result for our clients.”

The fate of the facility is now unclear. The county might appeal the decision or put an end to the proposed project. Whatever the outcome, one environmental advocate who is especially proud of the Hinkley residents’ efforts is Erin Brockovich, whose fight to hold Pacific Gas & Electric Co. accountable for contaminating Hinkley’s drinking water resulted in one of the largest toxic tort injury settlements in US history and was depicted in the film *Erin Brockovich*. Now president of her own consulting company, Brockovich assisted Hinkley residents in organizing against the proposed Hawes Composting Facility Project. “I think that Norman [Diaz] has done an excellent job, as well as the community,” Brockovich says. “I admire their tenacity, their community involvement, and standing up for what they believe in.”

## Three Years Later in New Orleans: The Struggle Continues

By Karina Alvarez (JD 10)

**K**nown for its vibrant culture, soulful jazz, and hometown cooking, New Orleans was quickly transformed into a place of desperation, anguish, and injustice following Hurricane Katrina. Three years later, the people of New Orleans continue to struggle. The unequal bargaining power between the residents and organizations like FEMA, coupled with city officials' focus on improving the city for tourists and newcomers, make it increasingly difficult for longtime residents to get their lives back.

I was fortunate enough to witness these struggles as a student volunteer. I, along with nine other first-year law students from Golden Gate, traveled to New Orleans during spring break. We worked with the Student Hurricane Network, run by Tulane University Law School.

Upon arriving, it was apparent the situation was much worse than what was portrayed in the media. The city's infrastructure for the most part remains dilapidated. With the exception of Bourbon Street and other main tourist spots, there has been very little progress in the regeneration of local residential neighborhoods. As we walked to our hotel near Canal Street, the sidewalks were lined with tents. Families living side by side on the street set up blankets outside their tents to cope with the heat and humidity. Just a block away, tourists were arriving at their hotels, taking advantage of the low hotel rates and close proximity to Bourbon Street.

Although national media reports on New Orleans have significantly subsided since Hurricane Katrina, the occasional news report on the region's "financial hardship" pales in comparison to the residents' actual experience. When I first heard we would be working with residents living in FEMA trailers, I was extremely happy we would be able to do something so hands-on. We were instructed to give them surveys to screen them for any legal problems they might have. Then, the law clinic at Tulane would see if their cases could be taken.

After our orientation at Tulane, we felt well equipped with resources and tools, eager to get out there and provide assistance. Driving to our first trailer park in Chalmette, I saw rows and rows of white trailers. I remember thinking, "If we can just connect the people in need to the designated organizations, we should be able to get through these trailers in no time—after all, we are working as five pairs!" That first day we barely finished one row.

It was evident that many of the residents resented FEMA's lack of care and commitment and had no faith left in any of the assistance programs. So when a resident complained about his severe breathing problems due to untreated emphysema, he was hesitant to hear of our list of resources for medical centers. While many of the residents wanted to know exactly how to get out of their FEMA trailer due to the presence of formaldehyde and its potentially dangerous health effects, others had no idea formaldehyde existed. More astonishing, there were residents who were well aware of the formaldehyde and experienced symptoms of formaldehyde-related health problems—such as bloody noses or breathing problems—yet had no interest in getting information about leaving their trailer. They felt obliged to FEMA, grateful. Some even expressed their disdain for those speaking out against FEMA. Our enthusiasm quickly turned into a feeling of ineffectuality and disillusionment.



*The Katrina student volunteers. (Karina Alvarez is second from left.)*

But upon reflection, we came to appreciate the resiliency of the people we met. They remained hopeful not only for their own lives, but for their city. We were able to connect many people with doctors, attorneys, psychologists, and social workers. We referred people to get their trailers tested for formaldehyde and helped them in other ways. For example, one of our students, Chelsea England, is trained to do taxes. Many people who were eligible did not know about the current economic stimulus program, and Chelsea was able to help them file and receive their checks.

It was staggering to witness the lack of information provided to these residents. The groups most vulnerable to mistreatment—minorities and those of low income—remain misinformed. It is difficult for them to assert their rights if they are not informed of them, and difficult for them to make choices if they are unaware choices exist.

New Orleans remains in dire need of attention and aid. The city is full of problems, but the main one I found through my experience is a lack of communication. At the very least, the citizens of New Orleans must be adequately updated on the progress of their particular cases, and they need information on their options and rights. One cannot expect everybody to always be informed, but if one person can speak up for the rights of many, injustices might be avoided. Racial and economic disparity in New Orleans has been prevalent for a long time, and it took a tragedy to highlight this dire situation. The injustice these residents face is not unique to this city. That is why we must follow their plight 3, 4, even 10 years from now. Because although the struggles may have ceased for one city, the struggle for justice will continue in many others.

*Karina Alvarez will begin her second year of law school at Golden Gate in fall 2008.*



## GGU Law Takes Second Place at Statewide Competition

**G**GU took second place at the 2008 State Bar of California Environmental Negotiations Competition on April 4 in Los Angeles. Two teams represented the School of Law at the prestigious annual competition, sponsored by the State Bar's Environmental Law Section. On the first team were Eric Hoffman (JD 08) and Philip Batchelder (JD 09); on the second team were Patrick Lytle (JD 08) and Reta Diekman (JD 09). Hoffman and Batchelder's team was one of four to make it to the final round in the 20-team competition, which included Stanford Law School, the UC Berkeley School of Law, and the UC Los Angeles School of Law. The judges called the performance of both GGU Law teams "outstanding" and "excellent." Coaching the teams was GGU Law alumna Robin Salsburg (JD 02).

## GGU Loan Repayment Assistance Program Provides Help to Graduates in Public Interest Work

**R**ocked with heavy debt loads, many law school graduates find it difficult to pursue their dream of practicing law in the public interest. Fortunately, Golden Gate offers a Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) for JD recipients working in public interest law. Qualifying applicants must work in a law-related advocacy position requiring a JD and must be working in one of the following areas: Providing direct legal representation to underrepresented populations or providing legal assistance to organizations that provide such representation; working to change legislation affecting these populations through policy or impact litigation work; conducting environmental policy work; or working for local, state, or federal government agencies. Applicants' total annual salaries must not exceed \$50,000, and they must become a member of the bar within two calendar years of graduation. LRAP awards aim to cover the difference between 10 percent of the applicant's salary/income and the applicant's total annual law school loan payments. Other requirements and restrictions are available at [ggu.edu/law](http://ggu.edu/law) under "Public Interest Law." Alumni interested in applying for LRAP must obtain the application in the spring of each year on the GGU website or by contacting Angela Dalfen, assistant director for public interest & student leadership programs, 415-369-5391, [adalfen@ggu.edu](mailto:adalfen@ggu.edu). Alumni interested in contributing to the LRAP program may also contact Angela Dalfen.

Major legislation enacted in 2007 provides further help for loan-strapped law school grads. The College Cost Reduction and Access Act (CCRAA), signed into law in September 2007, provides the largest increase in college aid since the GI bill and will enable many more law school graduates to pursue public interest jobs. More information is available at <http://www.equaljusticeworks.org/resource/ccraa>.



**ABOVE:** The School of Law held an unveiling party for the Jesse Carter Society Plaque, now on display at the Law School. The Society includes returning second-year students who were in the top 10 percent of their first-year class or students in the top 15 percent of their graduating class. **FROM LEFT** are Society members Steffanie Bevington, Kalina Laleva, Beth Hodess, Blair Greenberg, Damien Jovel, and Jessica Beeler. One member who missed the celebration, Jon Golinger, says his membership is already bearing fruit. "During my recent interview for a summer externship with Justice J. Anthony Kline of the California First District Court of Appeals, he was very interested in the Carter Society," Golinger says. "Seeing it on my résumé prompted a nice discussion about the independent spirit that Justice Carter embodied. I got the job."



**LEFT:** The Admissions Office hosted a Minority Outreach Program in February for students at Richmond High School's Law Academy, which included an overview by Professor Susan Rutberg (at podium) of her work on wrongful convictions and a panel of law students who offered tips for considering and applying to law school.



**LEFT:** Therese M. Stewart, the chief San Francisco deputy city attorney who successfully argued the case for gay marriage in the California Supreme Court, practiced her argument in a "Moot

Court for Practicing Lawyers" at GGU in February. Serving as "judges" were, from left, GGU professors Janice Kosel and Myron Moskowitz and Professor Brian K. Landsberg of the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law.



## Law School Establishes Law and Leadership Program

**M**any students enter law school ready to learn, but not ready to lead. Some law students are naturally more comfortable than others in assuming leadership roles, speaking publicly, or approaching high-level practitioners or officials.

Associate Professor Michele Benedetto, with other faculty and staff in GGU Law Career Services, has initiated the Law and Leadership Program to help students polish leadership skills that will be so important for them when they embark on their careers. Interest among students in the new program has been high, and of dozens of applicants, 12 JD students with diverse interests have been chosen to participate in 2008-09. Six second-year and six third-year students will participate in four Saturday leadership workshops over the year and will receive individualized leadership mentoring from participating faculty and staff, who in addition to Benedetto include Associate Professor Eric Christiansen; Professor and Associate Dean Rachel Van Cleave; Associate Dean Susanne Aronowitz; Assistant Director Angela Dalfen; and Assistant Director Courtney Fitzgibbons. Each of the six faculty and staff mentors will have two students to mentor.

"Much of leadership has nothing to do with a grasp of legal material or the ability to write a brief," Benedetto says. "It has to do with more intangible skills, such as communicating well, conveying confidence, and being assertive." To help students develop these skills, faculty and staff will introduce students to practicing attorneys. "In my classes, I often emphasize the importance of finding mentors and refining networking skills to build a career as a lawyer," Benedetto says. "As part of the Law and Leadership Program, 'I'll ask the students I will be mentoring, 'What is your area of interest?' and will then take them to the appropriate section meeting of the Bar Association of San Francisco, to show them how I network with those attorneys."

Benedetto hopes to introduce participants to leaders in the legal community and invites GGU Law alumni who wish to participate to contact her at 415-442-6575 or mbenedetto@ggu.edu.



▲ *The Law and Leadership Program mentors are, seated from left: Michele Benedetto, Susanne Aronowitz, and Courtney Fitzgibbons; and, standing: Eric Christiansen, Angela Dalfen, and Rachel Van Cleave.*

## Graduate Law Program Enrollments Rise

**S**pring semester enrollments in the Law School's graduate programs showed a substantial increase over last year's numbers. In addition to the basic JD degree, the Law School's Master of Laws (LLM) programs in Environmental Law, Intellectual Property, International Legal Studies, Taxation, and US Legal Studies had a combined unit count of 850 units in the spring 2008 semester—an increase of about 37 percent over the spring 2007 semester. The Law School also offers the terminal SJD degree, but is deliberately reducing the size of this already smaller program, in order to further enhance its quality and prestige. Even with the deliberate shrinkage of the SJD program, overall post-JD enrollment in the Law School is up by about 28 percent.

Professor and Associate Dean for Graduate Law Programs Jon Sylvester attributes the increased success of the programs to the work of the graduate programs staff, led by Administrative Director Jonathan Chu (JD 01, LLM 05). "We have a very small but extremely hard-working staff," says Dean Sylvester, "and Jonathan Chu, as the leader of that unit, has brought excellent vision and incredible energy to the marketing of our programs and the recruitment of graduate students."



◀ *LEFT: In May, the American Constitution Society hosted a panel on spying by the National Security Agency. Panelists included attorneys who have worked on major government surveillance cases; the moderator was noted San Francisco attorney James J. Brosnahan, left.*

## Women's Rights Clinic Achieves Victory in Major Gender Discrimination Case

**A**fter two years of litigation, the Women's Employment Rights Clinic (WERC) settled a multi-plaintiff gender discrimination case in April. The clinic represented six journey-level electricians in a Superior Court suit asserting that they were targeted for layoff on the basis of gender, in violation of the California Fair Employment and Housing Act. The employer claimed the reason for layoff was a work shortage, but the tradeswomen asserted that they were removed from the worksite while the employer kept men with less time on the job.

After the trial judge rejected the employer's fall 2007 motion for summary judgment, WERC began settlement discussions. The settlement agreement includes both a confidential monetary payment and requirements for ongoing training of supervisory personnel to address issues of gender discrimination and gender-based harassment.

Former WERC students Kenneth Linthicum (JD 08), Robert Golde (JD 06), Matthew Wood (JD 07), and Dyana Prince (JD 08) conducted legal research or witness investigation early in the case. Julie Mercer (JD 08) and Betty Kwan (JD 08) worked on the summary judgment opposition, and Kara Farina (JD 09) prepared a request for judicial notice that accompanied the clinic's opposition to the summary judgment motion.

"This was an important step forward for women working in traditionally male trades such as the electrical industry," says Marci Seville, director of the clinic.



## City Attorneys Visit GGU

*In March GGU hosted a panel of Bay Area city attorneys. Above from left are, Jessi Huff (JD 06), associate with Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith; San Francisco City Attorney Dennis Herrera; GGU President Dr. Dan Angel; Oakland City Attorney John Russo; and Cara Panebianco (JD 08).*

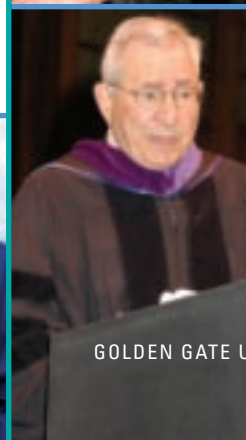
# COMMENCEMENT 2008



**O**n May 16, some 250 graduates of GGU's JD, LL.M., and SJD programs walked across the stage at Nob Hill Masonic Center to the cheers of family and friends. The university presented GGU Trustee Hon. Lee D. Baxter (JD 74) with an Honorary Doctor of Laws following her Commencement address, in which she said, "My relationship with this Law School following my graduation has been one of the high points of my career." Besides the students, others honored at Commencement 2008 included Alan Simon (BBA 50, JD 59), recipient of the Judith G. McKelvey Award for Outstanding Achievement by an Alumnus, and retired Professor Allan Brotsky, who received the inaugural Allan Brotsky Pro Bono Award. At the School of Law Awards Ceremony the night before, honorees included Alumni Volunteer of the Year Andrew Junius (JD 92) and Outstanding Employer of the Year The National Center for Youth Law.

**BOTTOM LEFT: GGU President Dr. Dan Angel with Hon. Lee Baxter (JD 74) and her honorary diploma.**

**BOTTOM THIRD FROM LEFT: Alan Simon (BBA 50, JD 59), the 2008 McKelvey Award winner.**







Photograph by Jim Block

# A LASTING LEGACY

**Frederic White,**  
who stepped down as  
dean on July 31,  
led the Law School  
with strength, vision, and  
tangible results

In the many written and spoken tributes to Frederic White throughout his career, two of the words most often used are *pioneer* and *trailblazer*; indeed, his many honors have included the Legal Pioneer Award and the Trailblazer Award. At the end of July, White stepped down as dean of Golden Gate University School of Law to become dean of Texas Wesleyan School of Law; but his positive, can-do approach to challenges facing the Law School will have a lasting legacy for GGU Law, its students, and future deans, including new Acting Dean Alan Ramo (see page 16).

## A NEW PRECEDENT IN CALIFORNIA

Frederic White was taking the reins and blazing trails long before coming to Golden Gate. In high school, he served as president of his class and of the Honor Society and as editor of the school newspaper. When he graduated from Columbia College (and, later, Columbia University School of Law), he was the first member of his family to graduate from a four-year university. He went on to practice municipal finance law at Squire, Sanders & Dempsey and to join the faculty of Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, where he served on the faculty for 26 years and as associate dean for five years before coming to Golden Gate.

When Frederic White succeeded Professor Peter Keane as dean of Golden Gate University School of Law, he became the first African-American dean of an American Bar Association (ABA)-accredited law school in California and one of only five African-American deans at an ABA-accredited law school nationwide. He said he welcomed the opportunity to join an institution for which increasing access to legal education has always been essential to its mission. As White often noted, he was not Golden Gate's first pioneering law school dean; Dean Emeritus Judith G. McKelvey was the second woman to serve as dean of an ABA-accredited school.



White has done much to further the Law School's mission of making legal education more accessible to diverse populations, as reflected in *US News and World Report's* recent designation of the Law School as one of the nation's most diverse. He also has been highly supportive of programs focused on providing legal services to underserved populations, such as the Law School's clinics and Golden Gate's extensive public interest law program.

Arguably Dean White's greatest legacy to the School of Law has been shepherding it through and overcoming the challenge of ABA

probation. Working in close collaboration with Law School and University faculty, staff, and administrators, White oversaw implementation of a Bar Passage Plan that helped the first-time bar passage rates of Golden Gate graduates to spike—and that ultimately put a spike in Golden Gate's probationary status. Golden Gate doubled its first-time California bar passage rate among ABA-accredited law schools in just three years and even surpassed the statewide ABA-school passage rate last year.

In Texan terms, White, when faced with ABA probation, took "the bull by the horns" and

inspired all members of the GGU community to do likewise. Largely as a result, the Law School now is off probation and well within the new bar-passage standards set by the ABA earlier this year.

When he first joined Golden Gate, White said he was attracted to GGU's "mission and enthusiasm." As Frederic White takes on new challenges, the School of Law thanks him for furthering that mission and for helping the Law School to build upon its future with ever-greater enthusiasm.



## HALLMARKS OF FREDERIC WHITE'S TENURE

- Oversaw Bar Passage Plan that helped remove GGU from ABA probation
- Initiation and substantial progress of the Law Library Renovation Project
- The hiring of outstanding new faculty and creation of programs to support faculty scholarship
- A highly successful 2008 Law Reunion program
- The success of the *Centennial Campaign for GGU*, with widespread participation by Law School alumni and friends
- Creation of new programs to recognize and retain top law students

*"The major challenge for any leader is to raise the bar. Fred White did that both figuratively and literally during his tenure here at GGU."*

—Dan Angel, GGU President

*"Fred—your leadership helped see us through a difficult time and enabled us to imagine a much brighter future. We will miss you as a community, and I will miss you as a friend."*

— Robert Calhoun, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, School of Law

*"Working with a talented team, [Fred] leaves Golden Gate University School of Law a decidedly better place than he found it."*

— GGU Trustee Charles "Chip" Conradi (JD 78, MBA 81)





**ACTING DEAN ALAN RAMO**

## **ALAN RAMO BRINGS A PASSION FOR LEGAL PRACTICE TO HIS NEW ROLE AS ACTING DEAN**

**Professor Alan Ramo, who has served on the School of Law faculty since 1994, has been appointed acting dean of the School of Law for the 2008–09 academic year.**

Ramo was selected by his fellow faculty members and the University president for the post, which he began on August 1, following the four-year deanship of Frederic White.

Ramo co-founded the Law School's Environmental Law and Justice Clinic in 1994 and was its director until last summer. (The clinic's new director is Associate Professor Helen Kang.) Ramo led the clinic to many important victories, particularly on behalf of community residents harmed by environmental toxins. He also founded and has long directed the LLM Program in Environmental Law. (Visiting Assistant Professor Paul Kibel will co-direct the environmental law program with Ramo during his tenure as acting dean.)

Professor Ramo's courses at GGU have included the Environmental Law and Justice Clinic and Seminar, Civil Procedure, and Environmental Law and Policy. He has also initiated a course on Global Warming and Renewable Energy.

Ramo received his JD from the University of California, Berkeley, where he also obtained an MJ in journalism, and his BA in political science from Stanford University. The School of Law recently spoke with him about his experience at Golden Gate and his priorities and goals for the Law School while serving as acting dean.

### ***GGU: What makes GGU Law special as a training ground for future lawyers?***

**Alan Ramo:** I believe it is a combination of our emphasis on practical training and an experienced and accessible faculty, combined with our location in the heart of the San Francisco business and legal district. Our clinics, externships, and the ability of the faculty to integrate their professional experience into the classroom give our students an edge as they begin and develop their professional careers. We have also developed specialties in important growing areas of practice, such as environmental, intellectual property, and tax law that allow our students to enter these job markets successfully.

### ***GGU: How do you view your role as acting dean?***

**AR:** After many years of focus on our bar passage rates, our success in that area allows us to focus on new innovative approaches to legal education and build our reputation. With a new Law Library on the way, our past classroom renovations, and an influx of new exciting professors joining our veterans, I expect to see exciting developments at Golden Gate in the coming years. I hope to facilitate the beginning of this process.

**GGU: What are some of your other priorities as acting dean?**

**AR:** We will be taking a hard look at our curriculum to further integrate practical skills into the legal education experience. I expect to see greater emphasis upon our intellectual property and environmental law programs and clinics. I want to continue to foster an environment where faculty can develop their scholarship and trade ideas, generally making GGU an exciting intellectual community. I hope to see faculty engaged in developing new programs as the legal profession continues to change and evolve. I also hope to encourage alumni to give back to their school, whether through speaking to students about their careers, participating in advisory committees, or serving as judges in our moot courts, and, of course, financially when they can.

**GGU: As a litigator you have won important cases to enforce San Francisco Bay Area pollution-control laws. Will you miss litigation?**

**AR:** My heart will always be with environmental advocacy, particularly as the problems and challenges grow, such as with global warming. I still have a hand in one case in the Environmental Law and Justice Clinic and hope to continue to consult with the clinic. I will return to the environmental program and full-time teaching when we select a permanent dean.

**GGU: In administering the GGU clinic and other organizations, how have you balanced the mission of serving clients with the challenges of running day-to-day operations and fund-raising?**

**AR:** It's like juggling; you hope that none of the balls drop, and eventually you develop a rhythm. It has helped to have great colleagues in our clinic and the support of the faculty and administrative staff in the school. I am intrigued and excited by the challenges with the administrative aspects of operating the Law School.

**GGU: When you co-founded the Environmental Law and Justice Clinic [with Professor Cliff Rechtschaffen], it was one of the first such clinics in the Bay Area, and it has been one of the strongest aspects of GGU's already strong clinical program. Where do you see clinical legal education headed in the future?**

**AR:** It is important, for students and the greater community, for law schools to have clinics. There is no better training ground for practical skills and the development of professional judgment, whether a graduate ends up in business, government, or a private firm. And there continue to be underserved communities that can benefit from the resources of a law school. I expect in the future the clinical experience will become more integrated into the larger law school curriculum as law firms are crying out for graduates who already have the basic skills and judgment to be successful attorneys.

**GGU: What made you decide to become a lawyer?**

**AR:** My formative years in college and law school occurred during the late 1960s and early 1970s. It was a time of strife and generational conflict for our country as we tried to sort out an unpopular war and problems of racism, inequality, and sexism. I started college as a physics major but was soon swept away by those issues and a passion for seeing people treated fairly. Later, the environmental movement, and particularly the environmental justice movement, seemed to bring together my interests from science and social justice. Being a lawyer allowed me to be front and center with many of these issues, equipped with tools that enabled me to help people and make a difference. Teaching only completes the circle and allows me to give a new generation the tools to solve today's problems and bring a bit more justice into the world.



# REUNION

Charlotte Fiorito Photography



## CLASS OF 1973

▶  
SEATED FROM LEFT: Robert Shaw,  
Dean Emeritus Judy McKelvey,  
James Tomcik (JD 73);  
STANDING: Ellen Glovka,  
John Glovka (JD 73),  
Jan Kaufman,  
Laurence Kaufman (JD 73),  
Sandra Tomcik





# 2008



## ▼ CLASS OF 1978

*SEATED FROM LEFT: John Vogt (JD 78), Ted Carter (JD 78), David Kwinter (JD 78); STANDING: Peter Wohlfeiler (JD 78), Chip Conradi (JD 78, MBA 81), Associate Dean Robert Calhoun, retired Professor Les Minkus, Shirley McNeal*



More than 100 GGU Law alumni attended GGU Law Reunion 2008 on Saturday, April 5, at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco. Marking the launch of an annual multi-year reunion program for the Law School, Reunion 2008 celebrated the classes of 2003, 1998, 1993 (with the largest attendance), 1988, 1983, 1978, 1973, and earlier. The program included a reception with welcomes from then-Dean Frederic White, GGU President Dr. Dan Angel, and GGU Trustee Charles “Chip” Conradi (JD 78, MBA 81), and dinner was served in separate rooms where classmates and their former professors could reminisce. Also in attendance were dozens of GGU Law faculty, friends, and current students.

Alumni hailed from a variety of states beyond California, including Utah, Arizona, Nevada, Alaska, and Maine. In “Memory Books” distributed at the event, alums listed such career highlights as “opening my own firm,” “making partner,” and “helping people who have been wrongfully accused.” Many said a highlight of attending GGU was the lifelong friendships they’d made. For attendee Robyn Sofnas Zieper, it was a happy return to the Palace Hotel, which she last visited for her wedding to Bruce Zieper.

Here are some snapshots from this memorable and historic gathering.

◀ *Robyn Zieper (JD 93) and Bruce Zieper were married at the Palace Hotel two years ago.*

Attention Alumni from the Classes of '04, '99, '94, '89, '84, '79, '74, '69 & '64:  
Mark Your Calendars for Law Reunion 2009 on Saturday, April 18!  
The Palace Hotel, San Francisco  
Watch Your Mail and Email for Details.





## ◀ CLASS OF 1983

*SEATED FROM LEFT:*

*GGU President Dan Angel,*

*Cindy Ossias (JD 83),*

*Professor Bernie Segal;*

*STANDING: Law Library Director*

*Michael Daw, Leslie Tick (JD 83),*

*Nancy Conway (JD 83), Associate*

*Professor Leslie Rose (JD 83, LLM*

*01), Lawrence Boesch (JD 83)*

## ▼ CLASS OF 1998

*STANDING FROM LEFT: Vicki Trent*

*(JD 97), Lynne Williams (JD 98),*

*Sarah Lipman, Jakob Lipman (JD 98)*



*Laurence  
Kaufman  
(JD 73)*

## ▼ CLASS OF 1988

*SEATED FROM LEFT: Dean Emeritus*

*Lani Bader, Marilyn Simon, Golden*

*Grad Alan Simon (BBA 50, JD 59),*

*Jane Tishkoff (JD 88); STANDING:*

*Roxanne Epstein (JD 88), Professor*

*Janice Kosel, Professor Allan Cadgene,*

*Louise Garrison (JD 88), James Sell*

*(JD 88), Anglia Yancey (JD 88),*

*Rebecca Yost (JD 88)*





## CLASS OF 1998 ►

SEATED FROM LEFT:  
Professor Susan Rutberg,  
Professor Rachel Van Cleave,  
Ryan Boley, Diana Guzman  
(JD 98); STANDING:  
Professor and Associate Dean  
Jon Sylvester, John Schilt  
(JD 98), Chi Adam,  
Frank Adam (JD 98)



Professor Bernie Segal  
wins a cap for  
contacting the largest  
number of former students  
for Reunion 2008.



## ▲ CLASS OF 2003

SEATED FROM LEFT: Janeen Gibbs (JD 03),  
Mark Gibbs, Associate Professor Michele Benedetto;  
STANDING: Jackie Mertz (JD 03), Shannon Lindsay  
(JD 03), Tuija Catalano (JD 03)

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Jan Lecklikner, and  
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## Centennial Wall Profile: JOHN DAVIDS (JD 65)



*Having exceeded its goal for The Centennial Campaign for GGU and preparing to wrap up the extended campaign at the end of 2008, Golden Gate University will celebrate the success of its first capital campaign in 30 years with the installation of The Centennial Wall. To be located in the lobby of the University's main building, The Centennial Wall will feature the names of those who have contributed \$100,000 or more to GGU. Behind the names on The Centennial Wall are stories of great personal and professional triumph, in many cases made possible by GGU. In this and future issues, Golden Gate Lawyer introduces you to some of these generous supporters who will be immortalized on GGU's Centennial Wall.*

◀ **LEFT:** Lime Kilm Lighthouse, one of several on the San Juan Islands where John Davids makes his home. Photo by Robin Jacobson, San Juan Islands Visitors Bureau.

**H**e may live on a small island two hours from Seattle, but retired attorney **John Davids (JD 65)** still feels deeply connected to San Francisco and Golden Gate University School of Law. The highly successful product liability litigation practice he enjoyed in San Francisco for over 30 years exemplifies GGU's mission of providing access to higher education for those who might otherwise never have received the opportunity.

The son of a shipyard worker, Davids did not finish high school and spent part of his teens working as a boilermaker at the San Francisco Naval Shipyard. "After a couple of years, I knew this was not for me," Davids, 71, recalls from his home on Decatur Island. "I'd always liked the idea of going to law school, so I obtained my GED and attended City College of San Francisco. I started searching around for a law school that would consider me."

Davids met with then-GGU law school Dean John Gorfinkel at the former location on Golden Gate Avenue. "He was just a tremendous guy," Davids recalls. "He told me, 'Well, kid, if you can get a high enough grade on the LSAT, I'll let you into my school—but you'll need more credits.'" So Davids obtained his AA degree and enrolled in Golden Gate's night law program while working full-time as an insurance adjuster at AAA on Van Ness Avenue.

"It was hard, but I had a great time in law school," Davids says. "There weren't many of us—I think there were 25 members of our graduating

class—and we got to know each other well, along with the faculty, who were mostly practicing attorneys." Beyond happy memories in the classroom—Davids especially enjoyed Criminal Law—he recalls many happy hours spent with classmates at local haunts like the Chances Are and Square Chair.

Davids' first job out of law school was for Jack Werchick, considered one of the fathers of medical malpractice law. After three years, Davids and two partners opened the San Francisco firm of Conklin, Davids & Friedman (Dennis Conklin graduated GGU Law in 1964) out of the Hotel Whitcomb building on Market Street and, later, offices on Pier 7.

The firm took on many malpractice cases against doctors charged with performing unnecessary hysterectomies. Davids and his partners noticed a recurring pattern among these cases: many of their clients had suffered pelvic infections that appeared to be connected with use of a contraceptive intrauterine device (IUD) called the Dalkon Shield, produced by A.H. Robins and sold to millions of American women in the early 1970s.

"When we first got into the Dalkon Shield cases, the FDA had no jurisdiction over medical devices," Davids says. "Anyone could produce something for medical use, with no testing, and market and sell it to the public with no government oversight." Davids' firm filed its first case against A.H. Robins in the early 1970s and quickly became one of the nation's leading firms working on IUD cases, handling more than 2,500 of them.

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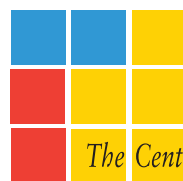
Ultimately A.H. Robins was forced into bankruptcy, and a \$2.5 billion compensation fund was set up to aid victims of the Dalkon Shield. The Dalkon Shield product liability litigation directly resulted in FDA control and oversight for medical products marketed and sold in the United States.

Years after handling his last Dalkon Shield case, Davids still speaks passionately about the harm and injustice inflicted on his clients and potentially hundreds of thousands of other American women. "During the period the Dalkon Shield was on the market, there was a direct correlation between use of the IUD and gynecologic infections," he says. "Not only the women who used them, but the doctors who prescribed them had been conned by A.H. Robins."

Aside from the personal reward of obtaining justice and compensation for their clients, Davids and his partners reaped sizeable financial rewards for their work and voluntarily closed shop in the early 1990s. Davids and his wife bought property and built a home on Decatur Island, part of an archipelago of more than 120 islands stretching from the coast of Seattle up to Canada. In his retirement, Davids pursues other passions such as diving (he was a diving instructor in San Francisco for many years) and travels often to distant locales and to the San Francisco Bay Area, where he has children and grandchildren.

Asked if he misses the high-stakes world of catastrophic injury litigation, Davids says, "I don't miss the paperwork—the interrogatories, even the depositions—but I do sometimes miss the courtroom. It's like theater—you never know how things are going to shake out." He expresses gratitude to GGU Law for giving him the opportunity to experience such a dramatic and rewarding professional career.

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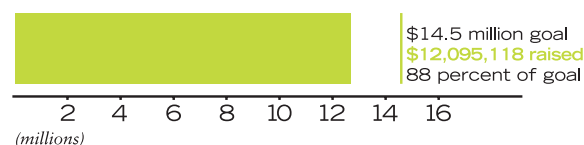


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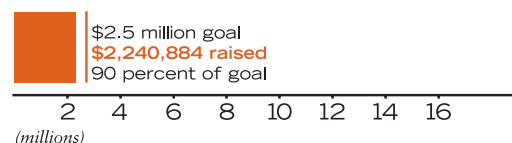
## By the Numbers

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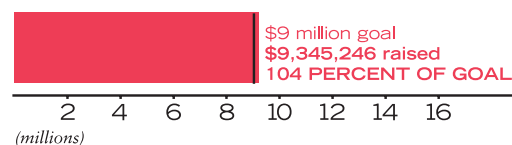
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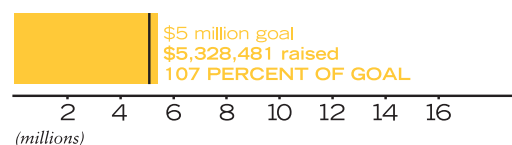
### 2. Technology



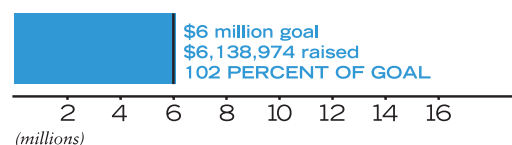
### 3. Scholarship



### 4. Teaching and Learning



### 5. Endowment





## From French Publishing to French Property Law: The *Singulier* Career Path of Marie Galanti (JD 02)



**F**or three decades Marie Galanti (JD 02) was president and co-owner of France Press, a San Francisco-based publisher of French-language newspapers and an English-language magazine about contemporary France. At age 55, she enrolled in Golden Gate University School of Law, where she earned her JD while working full-time. She has since opened her own practice in Santa Rosa, California, specializing in estate planning, probate, property conveyances, and private international transactions, particularly for individuals with assets in France and the United States. Golden Gate Lawyer recently sat down with Galanti to learn more about her career shift and her experience at GGU Law.

"I always wanted to be a lawyer," says Marie Galanti, a native of Montreal, "and I always wanted to do something in which I could use my French." The Francophile prevailed. After earning her PhD in French civilization, Galanti taught French to American college students, became active with the American Association of Teachers of French, helped to found the French American Chamber of Commerce, and led FrancePress—all out of San Francisco, with its rich history of French culture and its vibrant French-American community (in which she is a key figure) dating back to the Gold Rush.

The new millennium brought dramatic changes to the world of publishing, and Galanti sensed it was time to consider moving on. She'd never lost her interest in the law, and she was well familiar with Golden Gate from her experiences in the Bay Area educational community. She admits that applying to law school after a long and fruitful career in publishing, especially for a woman in her 50s, was daunting. "I recall the shock of having to take the LSAT—I kept wanting to say, 'But I have a PhD!'" she recalls with a laugh.

Golden Gate appealed to her, with its location in the heart of San Francisco, the city she knew so well, and its offerings in intellectual property law, naturally appealing to someone who'd spent decades in publishing. Galanti did focus on IP law at Golden Gate, and received a Certificate of Specialization in IP law. But it was a tragedy shortly after graduation that led her to her current area of practice.

Just weeks before she was to take the bar exam, a close friend from France died. "I was the trustee," Galanti says. "It was difficult, and I had a strong desire to do right by her." It took nearly a year to settle the woman's estate, which included assets in California and France. The work gave Galanti invaluable experience in estate planning while enabling her to put her intimate knowledge of French culture and customs to the test. She'd discovered her calling.

As soon as she'd passed the bar (despite her personal loss, on her first try) Galanti's friends and colleagues from the French American community were approaching her for legal services.

"I had thought that entering law school and embarking on a legal career would be a total switch—like a 'close parenthesis' to my previous career," says Galanti, using language fitting for an editor and author. "But it was actually a continuum, because so many of my former friends and colleagues are now my clients! Additionally, my prior experience in teaching and entrepreneurship proved invaluable in helping me develop my law practice and run the workshops I do for American citizens wanting to buy property in France. It was an epiphany to realize that everything I had done before law school remained useful to me in my legal career."

Galanti says she's glad she chose Golden Gate. "It was a good fit for me," she says, "an urban campus, and not at all elitist. GGU was a very welcoming university for me.

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I was probably the oldest student in all my classes, but I never felt slighted in the least, never given the impression that my future law career would not be as valid or as consequential as that of a younger student with more years of practice ahead of them. I feel grateful to Golden Gate for not only giving me the opportunity to begin law school at 55, while working full-time, but for the encouragement and support that I received."

Galanti recently made a generous unrestricted gift to the Law School Dean's Fund. "The School of Law has faced many challenges in the period of my association with the institution," Galanti says. "I felt that GGU met these challenges head on and has done well in resolving them, and that if I could give back to GGU, I was happy to do so."

In her law practice, which is based in Santa Rosa but also conducted out of San Francisco and Paris, Galanti does plenty of "standard" estate planning work handling wills and trusts, and probate. But she has developed a niche working with clients on international transactions. This includes assisting clients with buying or selling property overseas, handling insurance, tax, and contract issues, clearing title, settling an estate in a foreign country, and working with authorities in foreign countries to resolve legal issues. Most of her clients have property in the United States and/or France, but she also represents clients with interests and assets in Italy, Panama, and the Philippines.

"I advise clients with foreign assets on incorporating them in their estate plan and those planning to live or retire abroad, and often serve as an intermediary with foreign attorneys and accountants," she says. "I also work with foreign clients who need assistance with their American assets. My knowledge of French [and Spanish, in which she is also fluent] is most helpful for this work."

Galanti's honors for her work in the French and French American communities have included the *Officier, Ordre des Palmes Académiques* from the French government for outstanding contribution to French cultures in the United States, and the *Ordre des Francophones d'Amérique*, Quebec's highest cultural award for the promotion of French language and culture.

Marie Galanti's career shift clearly has been a positive one for her. "I loved law school," she says. "Reading cases was like reading stories—I found them fascinating. And I thoroughly enjoy my practice, in which I help people, many of them friends and colleagues in the French community, in ways that I couldn't before." Galanti says this with a broad smile—one that requires no translation.

## Lessons in Advocacy

By Trent Latta (JD 06)

**B**eing an attorney is more than researching and writing about the law. At its core, the practice of law is advocacy. My road to this realization, though at the time I did not know it, began in the spring of 2005. Then in my second year of law school at GGU, Professor David Oppenheimer commissioned my help in researching same-sex marriage issues for a new casebook on comparative equality law. Given that the research focused on foreign countries I had never visited and that I had no openly gay or lesbian friends at the time, the work was interesting but merely academic. I doubted it would have any real practical significance to my future prospects in civil litigation.

While I externed for California Supreme Court Justice Marvin R. Baxter, the same-sex marriage issue came much closer to home. San Francisco Superior Court Judge Richard Kramer had recently issued his decision nullifying California's ban on same-sex marriage. An electric sense of anticipation filled the courthouse, and it seemed only a matter of time before the same-sex marriage issue would fall squarely before the California Supreme Court.

My work with Professor Oppenheimer on the same-sex marriage issue suddenly became more than a mere scholastic exercise. I began to understand the profound and very real consequences of the legal issues that we as attorneys grapple with for those whom we represent. Though the same-sex marriage case never reached the Supreme Court during my time there, the necessity for attorneys to serve as advocates informed my work on even more seemingly mundane issues.

On May 15, 2008, the California Supreme Court decreed California the second state in the United States to fully recognize same-sex marriage. Like many on that day, I felt truly proud to be a member of the legal profession.

Now, the political battle to amend California's Constitution has begun. Proposition 8, which seeks to prohibit same-sex marriage in California through constitutional amendment, threatens this hard-won victory. However, even if the measure passes, the issue is not resolved. It is an interesting question whether California voters may remove a fundamental right recognized under California's Constitution by proposition. Many judges, attorneys, and pundits no doubt will spend countless hours researching, briefing, and debating the topic.

For me, a seemingly impractical law school research assignment eventually led to my personal understanding of what it means to practice law. My personal realization that attorneys are advocates is by no means revolutionary. But it was a lesson I could not learn in the classroom and one that some of us, pounding away on our keyboards and buried in email, may be apt to forget.

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**Alan Simon (BBA 50, JD 59)** received the Judith G. McKelvey Award for Outstanding Achievement by an Alumnus at the School of Law Commencement Ceremony in May.

**James C. Cuneo (JD 67)** was appointed to the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board for the state of California in San Francisco.

**Coleman A. Swart (JD 67)** retired after 26 years as a Los Angeles Superior Court judge.

**Richard C. Van den Brul (JD 71)** is a financial adviser for UBS Financial Services Inc. in Farmington Hills, Mich.

**Alfonso J. Moresi (JD 72)** is the commissioner of the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board for the state of California in San Francisco.

**Philip M. Pro (JD 72)** was appointed by the chief justice of the United States to the Board of the Federal Judicial Center.

**David W. Brennan (JD 73)** is an associate professor at Western State University's College of Law in Fullerton, Calif. He directs the Judicial and Civil Externship Program and coaches the Jessup International Moot Court Team.

**Diana Richmond (JD 73)** received the Association of Certified Family Law Specialists 2007 Hall of Fame award. She is partner at Sideman & Bancroft.

**Hon. Lee D. Baxter (JD 74)**, San Francisco Superior Court (ret.), received an Honorary Doctor of Laws at the School of Law Commencement Ceremony in May, where she was also the Commencement speaker.

**Gary Meyer (JD 74)** has retired as Superior Court Judge of Monterey County (Calif.) after serving nine years on the bench.

**Peter Goodman (JD 75)**, a San Francisco defense attorney, was featured in the April 16 *Recorder* in an article concerning the rights of DUI defendants to see personnel records for arresting officers.

**David M. Grappo (JD 75)** wrote an article on mediation titled "Questions Litigators Ask About Mediation" for the *Handbook on Mediation* published by the American Arbitration Association.

**Kay E. Henden (JD 75)** is the senior vice president at City National Bank in San Francisco.

**Marilyn Morris (JD 76)** is an attorney at Morgan Miller and Blair in Walnut Creek, Calif.

**Gerald T. Richards (JD 76)** is the secretary for Every Generation in Contra Costa County (Calif.), a nonprofit organization working for people-friendly communities. Richards was president of the Contra Costa Advisory Council for 2007.

**David G. Stanley (JD 76)** is head of entertainment law practice of Greenberg Glusker, in Los Angeles.

**Antonia G. Darling (BA 74, JD 77)** was elected president of the Sacramento Chapter of the Federal Bar Association for 2008.

**Alice S. Smith (JD 77)** is on the board of directors of the Palo Alto (Calif.) Area Red Cross.

**Evelyn M. Stevenson (JD 77)** is an attorney for the Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes of Montana. She is the first Indian woman to pass the Montana Bar exam.

**Marc Van Der Hout (JD 77)**, of Van Der Hout, Brigagliano & Nightingale, was named 2008 Attorney of the Year for extraordinary achievements in the area of pro bono work by *California Lawyer*, which noted the 21 years he spent defending the Palestinian activists (the "L.A. 8") who faced criminal charges and deportation before the charges were dropped.

**Lawrence P. Beck (JD 78)** is head of the estate planning department for Haas & Najarian in San Francisco.

**Robert C. Norton (JD 78)** is of counsel for Rodi, Pollock, Pettker, Christian & Pramov, ALC in Los Angeles. He is a 2008 Southern California Super Lawyer.

**Hon. John Vogt (JD 78)**, Fresno County (Calif.) Superior Court, presided over the GGU Swearing-In Ceremony for bar-passers on June 2.

**Karen L. Hawkins (JD 79, MBA 81)**, an attorney with Taggart & Hawkins PC in Oakland, is now also an adjunct professor at GGU, where she taught Professional Responsibility for the Tax Practitioner in summer 2008.

**Elizabeth A. Hendrickson (JD 79)** was profiled in the Feb. 6 issue of the *San Francisco Daily Journal*.

**Cynthia McGuinn (JD 81)** has been appointed president of the American Board of Trial Advocates, San Francisco chapter. McGuinn is with the Veen Firm, PC, where she focuses on recovering damages for the catastrophically injured.

**Catherine Yanni (JD 81)**, a mediator and special master with JAMS, received the Women of Achievement Award from Legal Momentum, a legal advocacy organization dedicated to advancing the rights of women and girls. She was profiled in the April 15 edition of *The Recorder*.

**Sandra J. Bushmaker (JD 82)** retired to Tubac, Ariz., after practicing family law in the Bay Area for more than 20 years.

**Kristin S. Hackler (JD 82)** has retired as deputy district attorney from the Nevada County District Attorney's Office.

**John C. Richardson (JD 82)** is the CEO and president of JMR Financial Inc. in Washington, DC.

**Charlotte Armstrong (JD 83)** is an alternative education teacher for Tulsa Public Schools in Shadow Mountain-Riverside, Okla.

**Robert E. Kroll (JD 83)** is a furniture designer and builder specializing in one-of-a-kind Japanese style furniture and furnishings in Berkeley, Calif.

**Linda J. LeZotte (LLM 83)** has joined Berliner Cohen as counsel in the municipal land-use law practice in San Jose.

**Victoria R. Pasek (JD 83)** is ombudsperson at the American InterContinental University in Los Angeles.

**Lynn M. Sherrell (JD 83)** participated in a panel presentation to East Bay Municipal Utility District employees on pre-retirement planning.

**Louis J. Esbin (JD 84)** has a bankruptcy law practice in Valencia, Calif. He coauthored a guide for lawyers practicing under the 2005 amendments to the Bankruptcy Code. He is president of the Central District of California Bankruptcy Attorneys Association and one of fewer than 200 attorneys certified by the State Bar of California as a Bankruptcy Specialist.

**Peter Fowler (JD 84)**, senior counsel in the Office of Enforcement at the US Patent and Trade Organization, organized a delegation of 25 government officials and attorneys from the Middle East to visit GGU Law this spring to learn about US intellectual property law.

**Stephen L. Hurst (JD 84)** is the chief business officer of Immune Tolerance Institute in San Francisco.

**Hon. Carol King (JD 84)** of the US Immigration Court, who also is an adjunct professor at GGU, spoke on ethical issues in immigration law at the School of Law's "Beat the Clock" MCLE program in January.

**Joel Turner (JD 84)** is an attorney with Frost Brown Todd LLP in Louisville, Ky., where he specializes in equine legal services, including syndicate, co-ownership, partnership and LLCs, gaming regulatory matters, and litigation. He works with horse trainers, breeders, and owners throughout the United States and is an adjunct professor at the University of Louisville Equine Administration Program. He published an article in the May 17 edition of *The Blood Horse*.

**Timothy J. Rowley (JD 85)** is a judge for the Court of Common Pleas in Berks County, Penn.

**Tova L. Zeff (JD 85)** has a transactional practice for individuals, businesses, and nonprofit organizations in the Bay Area and is a business representative for the unions AFTRA and SAG, enforcing collective bargaining agreements for the commercial and industrial/nonbroadcast contracts for both unions. She spoke on "Ethics for New Media" at the Law School's "Beat the Clock" MCLE program in January.

**Hrair A. Balian (JD 86)** is the director of the conflict resolution program for the Carter Center in Atlanta.

**Gary S. Hook (JD 86)** is managing tax counsel for Chevron in San Ramon, Calif.

**John E. O'Grady (JD 86, LLM 93)** is president of the O'Grady Law Group in San Francisco.

**Samuel B. Rudolph (JD 86)** practices employment and civil rights law in Hayward, Calif.

**Mary M. Ryan (JD 86)** is a shareholder of Bishop, Barry, Howe, Haney & Ryder in Emeryville, Calif.

**Mitchell Shapson (JD 86, LLM 03)** has begun a new position as an attorney at the California Public Utilities Commission in the energy generation section, where he works on climate change, rates, and renewable energy issues. He previously was a policy and litigation analyst



with the Institute for Fisheries Resources. His wife is **Amy Eskin (JD 86)**, whom he met at GGU.

**David R. Brien (JD 88)** settled a case with the Federal Aviation Association in Los Angeles.

**Howard Lasky (JD 88)** is a partner at Coblenz, Patch, Duffy & Bass LLP in San Francisco.

**Carol A. Mastrofina (JD 88)** is senior vice president of commercial services for the Northwest Region of LandAmerica Financial Group Inc. in Seattle.

**Larry F. Estrada (JD 89)** is an attorney in the Pacific Area Office of the US Postal Service in San Francisco.

**Drew Bohan (JD 90)** is executive policy officer for the California Ocean Protection Council and was appointed to the post by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. He was a guest speaker for a series of workshops on Bay Area water quality this spring, where he discussed his program's support for low-impact development.

**Geoffrey L. Thorpe (LLM 90)** is senior tax counsel in the tax department at Chevron in Concord, Calif.

**Francis M. Brass (JD 91)** is the deputy city attorney of code enforcement for the San Francisco City Attorney's Office.

**Nathalie Tilliole (JD 91)**, an attorney with the French Senate, presented a Medal of Merit from the Senate to the GGU Law Study Abroad Program in June, the second time the program has received the honor. Joining her at a dinner for GGU students and alumni in Paris were **Maia Bensimon (LLM 03)**, **Alexandre Marion (LLM 98)**, **Pauline Abadie (LLM 03)**, and **Carol Mawn (JD 07)**.

**Lyndy Bennett (JD 92)** of the New Mexico District Attorney's Office has announced he will seek reelection. He has worked in the San Juan County DA's office since 1998.

**Jeffery A. Sly (JD 92)** is the general counsel for California Prison Industry Authority in Folsom, Calif.

**James M. Treppa (JD 92)** was named partner at Bledsoe, Cathcart, Diestel, Pedersen & Treppa LLP in San Francisco.

**Eric Farber (JD 93)**, principal with the Pinnacle Law group LLP, spoke at an MCLE program sponsored by the Bar Association of San Francisco titled "Protecting the Legacy of Tupac Shakur: A Conversation With Tupac's Attorney" in May in San Francisco. **Ayanna Jenkins-Toney (JD 01)**, chair of the Bar Association's Sports and Entertainment Law Section, served as moderator.

**Stephen Forster (JD 93)** is the director of public finance and government relations for O'Neill Properties Group in King of Prussia, Pa.

**Scott J. Harman (JD 93)** is the associate general counsel for Viewpointe Archive Services LLC in Charlotte, NC.

**Robert Julien (JD 93)** is the corporate counsel for Packeteer Inc. in Cupertino, Calif.

**Eric Kaufman (JD 93)** is a trial attorney in the Admiralty Law Division of the US Department of Justice in San Francisco.

**Evan Kay (JD 93)** is the associate editor of *Motorcycle Cruiser* magazine.

**Scott J. Kiepen (JD 93)** is a partner at Hooper Lundy and Bookman Inc. in San Francisco.

**Deborah Lewis (JD 93)** is a deputy public defender for Marin County (Calif.).

**Warren McBroom (JD 93)** is the associate chief counsel for US Citizenship and Immigration Services in Washington, DC.

**Diana M. Shera Taylor (JD 93)** gave a presentation on constitutional law to a Boy Scouts troop on March 17.

**Laura M. Stover (JD 93)** is a member of Nearhood Law Offices PLC in Scottsdale, Ariz.

**Carla V. Tarazi (JD 93)** is a partner at Berry Appleman & Leiden in San Francisco.

**Eric Ferraro (JD 94)**, a managing partner at the San Francisco business and litigation firm of Jacobs and Ferraro LLP, announced in March that his firm is merging with Bullivant Houser Bailey PC, a major West Coast business and litigation firm with headquarters in Portland, Ore.

**Alexander H. Lubarsky (JD 94, LLM 98)** is an ediscovery business manager at Guidance Software in Emeryville, Calif.

**B. Phyllis Whittiker (JD 94)** is the chief operating officer for the National Judicial College, University of Nevada in Reno, Nev.

**Avuth Aksornpan (LLM 95)** is a judge for Sumutprakan Provincial Court in Sumutprakan, Thailand.

**David Briley (JD 95)** is an attorney at Bone McAllester Norton PLLC in Nashville, Tenn.

**Michelle Carpenter (JD 95)** is vice president of regulatory affairs and quality at Oculus Innovative Sciences, Inc., a biopharmaceutical company based in Petaluma, Calif.

**Whitney R. Gabriel (JD 95)** is the executive director at the Child Molestation Research & Prevention Institute in Oakland.

**Susan Kawala (JD 95)** is an attorney with Otis Canli & Iriki LLP in San Francisco.

**Jennifer K. Kim (JD 95)** is the supervising deputy attorney general with the California Attorney General's Office.

**Robert Lorndale (JD 95)** is a partner at Dewey & Leboeuf in Washington, DC.

**Daniel Pickard (JD 95)** is a partner in the international trade practice at Wiley Rein in Washington, DC. He is an adjunct professor of international trade law and regulation at George Mason School of Law.

**Sharon A. Anolik-Shakked (JD 96)** is director of corporate compliance and ethics and chief privacy official at Blue Shield of California in San Francisco.

**Clinton Hein (JD 96)** is an attorney with Ericksen, Arbuthnot, Kilduff, Day & Lindstrom Inc. in San Francisco.

**Stephanie Kitzes (JD 96)** has joined the firm of Archer Norris at a new location in Newport Beach, California. Kitzes focuses her practice on business and estate planning. She is a member of the Orange County Bar Association and the Business Section of the State Bar of Calif.

**Gaurang Sheth (JD 96)** has his own law office in San Francisco.

**Gregory Simonian (JD 96)** has been appointed interim city attorney by the Rancho Santa Margarita (Calif.) City Council. He practices with the law firm of Woodruff, Spradlin & Smart and serves as city attorney for the City of Laguna Hills.

**Michael R. Ward (JD 96)** was featured in the Nov. 26, 2007, issue of *The Recorder*. He is a partner at Morrison and Foerster in San Francisco.

**William Hays Weissman (LLM 96)** has been appointed vice chair of the Employment Taxes Committee of the American Bar Association Section of Taxation, effective July 1.

**Nawapol Disathien (LLM 97)** is the legal director for Ratchaburi Electricity Generating Holdings Public Co. Ltd. in Bangkok.

**Linnea Sosa (JD 97)** is vice president and trust officer at Mechanics Bank in San Francisco.

**Batya F. Swenson (JD 97)** is a partner at Hanson Bridgett LLP in San Francisco.

**Robert D. Tookoian (JD/MBA 97)** is CEO for Physicians Imaging LP in Fresno, Calif.

**Katherine VanZanten (JD 97, LLM 98)**, an attorney in the Portland, Oregon office of the regional law firm Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt, was recently selected a Fellow for the 2008 Oregon State Bar (OSB) Leadership College. A shareholder with Schwabe, she is a member of the firm's tax and estate planning practice group, where she assists businesses and families with wealth preservation planning needs. She serves on the executive committee of the Tax Section of the Oregon State Bar.

**Kirk Wong (JD 97)** is an equity partner at Hickman Palermo Truong & Becker in San Jose.

**Patrick J. Clifford (JD 98)** is an associate for Seilman Breitman LLP in Los Angeles.

**Devin C. Courteau (JD 98)** is an associate for Ropers, Majeski, Kohn & Bentley in San Francisco.

**Robert C. Crane (JD 98)** is a senior litigation associate for Brydon Hugo and Parker in San Francisco.



**Bernadette S. Curry (MPA 93, JD 98)** is the county counsel for Solano County, Calif.

**Melissa W. Eisenberg (JD 98)** is an associate in the Northern California office of Murchison & Cumming LLP.

**Fred Evenson (JD 98)**, a solo practitioner in Eureka, California, and **Michelle Smith (JD 04)** a staff attorney with Humboldt Baykeeper, achieved a settlement with the Simpson Timber Company in February, in which the company agreed to remove tons of dioxin-containing sediment from a ditch that empties into Humboldt Bay. Smith and Evenson are former clinicians with the School of Law Environmental Law and Justice Clinic.

**John N. Haramalis (LLM 98)** is the director of operations for NATO Headquarters in Sarajevo.

**Kathryn F. Nooney (JD 98)** is an attorney adviser for the Environmental Protection Agency in San Francisco.

**Christina C. North (JD 98)** is an associate at Dickinson & Gibbons PA in Sarasota, Fla. where she practices family law.

**Natalie R. Nuttall (JD 98)** is an attorney at McKenna, Long & Aldridge in San Francisco.

**Heidi C. Quan (JD 98)** is an associate at Murchison & Cumming's Northern California office.

**Robert D. Bolis (LLM 99)** is assistant general counsel for the Outdoor Channel in Temecula, Calif.

**Tamiza A. Hockenhull (JD 99)** spoke on a panel titled "Legal Career + Family: Finding a Balance," in October for GGU Law Career Services.

**Tom Quinn (JD 99)** recently achieved his first published case, *In re Crockett*, 71 Cal. Rptr. 3d 632, 2008 DJDAR 1733. He has worked as a contract public defender in Lake County, Calif., since 2003 and says he has gained "voluminous court experience" in his 45 jury trials.

**Mark C. Russell (JD 99)** is senior counsel with Gordon & Rees LLP in San Francisco specializing in complex commercial litigation and professional liability.

**Maria A. Sager (JD 99)** is an attorney for Boxer Gerson LLP in Oakland, Calif.

**Vesselin V. Tzotchev (LLM 99)** is the director of US tax for US CAN TAX Consultants Ltd. in Canada.

**Garth N. Ward (JD 99)** is a partner at Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard and Smith in San Diego.

**Richard T. Woon (JD/MBA 99)** is an associate at Silicon Valley Law Group in San Jose.

**Wisit Yanpirat (LLM 99)** is a lecturer for Assumption University in Bangkok.

**Benedicte Ghanassia (LLM 00)** is an intellectual property lawyer for Louis Vuitton Moët Hennessy Perfumes & Cosmetics in Paris.

**Reginald Henderson (LLM 00)** is chief legal counsel to the Department of Defense Criminal Investigation Task Force in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

**Scott R. Smithline (JD 00)** is the director of legal and regulatory affairs for Californians Against Waste.

**Shashikala Alagarswamy (LLM 01)** works for Sidley Austin in Chicago.

**Alan B. Bayer (JD 01)** was elected treasurer of the Barristers Club of the Bar Association of San Francisco board of directors for 2008.

**Joseph Chianese (JD 01, LLM 05)** received the 2007 Department of Labor Secretary's Award for Excellence "for exceptional contributions in the development and implementation of COBRA compliance assistance seminars."

**Ayanna L. Jenkins-Toney (JD 01)** is section chair of the sports and entertainment law section of the Barristers Club in San Francisco (see **Eric Farber JD 93**).

**Marcelin E. Keever (JD 01)** is the marine campaign director at Friends of the Earth in San Francisco.

**Elaine I. Videa (JD 01)** is an attorney at the Law Offices of Bishop, Barry, Howe, Haney and Ryder in Emeryville, Calif.

**Kris D. Ward (JD 01)** owns The Ward Law Firm PC in Lakewood, Colo.

**Melissa L. Exline (JD 02)** and her husband have had their first child, James Thomas.

**Scott Goering (JD 02)** has opened his own practice in San Francisco specializing in legal assistance to children, parents, and families.

**Svetlana L. Kaff (JD 02)** was a speaker at the Hadassah Attorney's Council luncheon in May.

**Hiroshi Kiyohara (LLM 02)** is the chief attorney for Musashi International Law Office in Tokyo.

**David C. Foster (JD 03)** is an associate for Morgan Lewis & Bockius in San Francisco.

**Asaka Makino (LLM 03, SJD 07)** is a postdoctoral fellow at the United Nations University - Institute of Advanced Studies in Yokohama, Japan.

**Sara E. Rief (JD 03)** is an attorney at the Law Offices of Stuart Hanlon in San Francisco.

**Andrea K. Baldwin (JD 04)** has obtained a judicial clerkship with Magistrate Judge Thomas Wilson in Tampa, Fla.

**Alma Soongi Beck (LLM 04)** of The Beck Law Group spoke at an MCLE program sponsored by the Bar Association of San Francisco in May on "Property Issues for Non-Married Co-Owners and Domestic Partners."

**Carolina Boechat-Lopes (LLM 04)** is tax counsel for ADP Taxware in Wakerfield, Mass.

**Alicia Cabrera (JD 04)** is deputy city attorney in the San Francisco City Attorney's Office.

**Helen Y. Calip (JD 04)** is an attorney for Lief Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein LLP in San Francisco.

**Florence M. Dubosc (LLM 04)** is the legal counsel for CMA-CGM in Marseille, France.

**Khalil Esat (LLM 04)** is an attorney with the Tulare County Public Defender's office in Visalia, Calif.

**Robert W. Myers (LLM 04)** owns a law office in Dublin, Calif.

**Alexander Nunez (JD 04)** serves in the Marines Intelligence Unit in Iraq.

**Michelle Smith (JD 04)** (see **Fred Evenson JD 98**).

**Samuel Tong (BA 83, LLM 04)** is the president of Northern California Polytechnic University in San Jose.

**Jessica Barber (JD 05)** is a court research attorney at the California Supreme Court in the Criminal Central Staff.

**Anthony J. Marzo (LLM 05)** is a sole practitioner based in Berkeley, Calif., where he specializes in estates and trusts, probate law, domestic partnerships and community property agreements, and taxation.



Denise Top

**Denise Top (JD 05)** is an associate in the employment law practice group at Gordon & Rees LLP. She previously was with Bennett, Samuels, Reynolds and Allard.

**Corey B. Allen (JD 06)**, a deputy public defender with the Contra Costa (Calif.)

County Public Defender's Office, coached the GGU Mock Trial Competition team in preparation for the San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association competition in November 2007.

**Fiona Cox (JD 06)** is a contracts attorney at Washington Mutual in Seattle.

**Kerrie Donovan (JD 06)** is an adjunct professor at GGU and an associate with Tour-Sarkissian Law Offices. Donovan spoke on "Life and Law: the Pursuit of Healthy Balance in the Practice of Law" at the School of Law's "Beat the Clock" MCLE program in January. She recently served as assistant editor of the *Journal of the Legal Writing Institute*, a peer-edited, scholarly journal.

**Claire Hulse (JD 06)** is an attorney with Jewell & Associates, a business immigration law practice, in San Francisco.

**Cormac Kilgallen (JD 06)** is an Equal Justice Works Americorps member of the Bar Association of San Francisco Volunteer Legal Services Program where he is running the Legal Advice and Referral Clinics.

**Trent Latta (06)**, an associate and member of the litigation section at Hanson Bridgett LLP authored an article in a supplement to the May 20 *Recorder* on tips for success as a first-year associate. Latta is active in the Bar Association of San Francisco's "The Coffee Bar," a new fund-raising campaign. See his essay on page 25.

**Sandra M. Le (JD 06)** gave birth to son Wyatt Liem Spears on Jan 17 in Fairfax, Va.

**Andrew McCabe (JD 06)** is an associate for Finnegan, Marks, Hampton and Theofel Attorneys in San Francisco.

**Michael Rooney (JD 06)** is a general practitioner at the Law Office of Michael Rooney and a broker-associate at Zephyr Real Estate, both in San Francisco.

**Derek M. Thomas (JD 06)** is an associate at Moss & Hough in San Francisco.

**Lacie Treglown (JD 06)** served as moderator for a panel in March of GGU alumni offering tips to current students on passing the bar the California bar exam. She is a former bar grader and works with GGU Bar Exam Services to advise repeat takers.

**Kay E. Tuazon (JD 06)** is an associate attorney for Cooper & Mora in San Ramon, Calif.

**Oleg I. Albert (JD 07)** is a regulatory affairs compliance analyst for IMPAC Medical Systems Inc. in Sunnyvale, Calif.

**Carl Basile (JD 07)** served on a panel in March of GGU alumni offering tips to current students on passing the California bar exam.

**Karin Bassa (JD 07)** works in the Colorado State Public Defender's Office in Denver.

**David Bovino (JD 07)** is the CEO of Challenge Bands LLP, which produces wristbands for Democrats, Republicans, and Independents to promote their choices for US president.

**Clarissa H. Cannavino (JD 07)** is an associate at Gregory and Adams in Wilton, Conn.

**Jamie L. Cantwell (JD 07)** is an associate at Carlson, Calladine & Peterson in San Francisco.

**Christopher P. Cho (JD 07)** is staff counsel for the employment advocacy and prosecution team with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitations.

**Lynn M. Damiano (JD 07)** is a staff attorney for the Georgia Resource Center in Atlanta.

**Jennifer P. Ferandell (JD 07)** is an associate at Winter & Ross in San Francisco.

**Santosh Giri (LLM 07)** is an immigration paralegal with The Chugh Firm in Santa Clara, Calif.

**Brian J. Graziani (JD 07)** is an associate attorney in the Law Offices of Arnold Laub in San Francisco.

**Jeffrey C. Greeson (JD 07)** is the deputy district attorney for Butte County, Calif.

**Jessi Huff (JD 07)**, an associate with Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith, moderated a panel of city attorneys on campus this spring that included San Francisco City Attorney Dennis Herrera and Oakland City Attorney John Russo. (See photo on p. 13.)

**Donny D. Johnson (JD 07)** has started his own law firm in Oakland.

**Jason S. Luros (JD 07)** was featured in the Jan. 31 issue of *The Recorder*.

**Jake Lubarsky (JD 07)** served on a panel in March of GGU alumni offering tips to current students on passing the California bar exam.

**Ashling P. McAnaney (JD 07)** married Matthew Preston Kramer on Oct. 21, 2007, at the Central Park Boathouse in New York. She served on a panel in March of GGU alumni offering tips to current students on passing the California bar exam. She is a graduate law fellow with the GGU Environmental Law & Justice Clinic.

**Angela McKeirnan (JD 07)** is the public resource director at the South Carolina Bar. She married Bruce Allen Keirnan Jr. on Jan. 9.

**Christina L. Richards (JD 07)** is an attorney at the Moreno Family Law Firm in San Jose.

**Perla C. Sanchez (JD 07)** has her own law office in San Jose.

**Steve Scott (JD 07)** served on a panel in March of GGU alumni offering tips to current students on passing the California bar exam.

**Neva L. Tassan (JD 07)** is an attorney at the Orange County (Calif.) Public Defender's Office.

**Sarah E. Tesconi (JD 07)** is an attorney with Cook Collection Attorneys in San Francisco.



Catherine Wollard

**Lorilee D. Zimmer (JD 07)** is an attorney at Sellar, Hazard, Manning, Ficenec & Lai in Concord, Calif.

**Catherine Wollard (JD 08)** is a Baxter Fellow in Litigation at the School of Law and plans to pursue a career as a children's attorney.

#### IN MEMORIAM

**A.D. Mennie (JD 29)**    **Leigh Polli (JD 78)**  
**Harry W. Koch (JD 31)**    **Louis W. Coyne (JD 85)**

## **NORMAN R. ASCHERMAN (JD 68): STAUNCH SUPPORTER AND FRIEND TO GGU**

**Norman R. Ascherman (JD 68)**, a prominent Bay Area dentist and longtime friend to GGU, died July 13 at age 81.

Ascherman earned his undergraduate and dental degrees at the University of Illinois and briefly attended medical school at Chicago Medical School. He served as a dental officer at the US Naval Hospital in Japan and on the USS Coral Sea. Upon returning to the United States, he was stationed at the Alameda Naval Air Station, where he rose to lieutenant commander in the US Naval Reserve.

While engaged in a successful dentistry practice in San Francisco's Alcoa Building, Ascherman enrolled in night law school at GGU. Though Ascherman never practiced law, he remained a loyal supporter of the Law School. He was an annual leadership donor to GGU and designated a generous bequest to the Law School in his estate plan.

In 2005 Golden Gate University awarded Ascherman with its Amicus Award for his fundraising efforts on behalf of GGU. He was also an active contributor to many other institutions, including Israel's Weizmann Institute of Science and the American Society for Technion-Israel Institute of Technology.

Rick Bradley (JD 68), who would later practice law in the building where Ascherman practiced dentistry, recalls of his former GGU classmate, "We were selected as partners for the moot court brief presentation. I did the research and wrote the brief, and he paid for the printing. However, he got an 'A,' and I got a 'B,' because his oral presentation was better!"

To commemorate their friendship forged in moot court, Ascherman and Bradley donated funds for the judges' bench, witness stand, and attorneys' tables in the School of Law's Moot Court Room—a tangible legacy from a devoted alumnus of the School of Law.

### KEEP US POSTED!

**S**end your Class Notes by email to [alumni@ggu.edu](mailto:alumni@ggu.edu) or by fax to 415-882-1660. Submission deadline for fall/winter 2008 issue is **October 15, 2008**.

### GGU IS CALLING YOU!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **SEPTEMBER 12: JESSE CARTER DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES**

Jeffrey Bleich, president of the State Bar of California, will deliver the first Jesse Carter Distinguished Lecture of the 2008–09 academic year. Series theme is “Public Service.” Noon–1 pm, GGU. Contact David Oppenheimer, [dbo@ggu.edu](mailto:dbo@ggu.edu).

### **SEPTEMBER 18: “TAX PLANNING FOR HIGH-NET-WORTH INDIVIDUALS”**

One-hour MCLE program, GGU, noon–1:30 pm, \$25. Contact Jim Kowalski, 415-442-7893, [jkowalski@ggu.edu](mailto:jkowalski@ggu.edu).

### **SEPTEMBER 26: GGU LAW ALUMNI RECEPTION, STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA ANNUAL MEETING**

Alumni reception, 5–7 pm, Monterey Marriott. Contact Deanna Bruton, 415-442-7812, [alumni@ggu.edu](mailto:alumni@ggu.edu).

### **OCTOBER 15: 2008 GGU ALUMNI AWARDS LUNCHEON**

Contact Lenore McDonald, 415-442-7824, [alumni@ggu.edu](mailto:alumni@ggu.edu).

### **OCTOBER 28: “INTERNATIONAL TAX TIMING”**

One-hour MCLE program, GGU, noon–1:30 pm, \$25. Contact Jim Kowalski, 415-442-7893, [jkowalski@ggu.edu](mailto:jkowalski@ggu.edu).

### **NOVEMBER 13: “LEGISLATIVE & JUDICIAL UPDATES” (Tax lecture)**

One-hour MCLE program, GGU, noon–1:30 pm, \$25. Contact Jim Kowalski, 415-442-7893, [jkowalski@ggu.edu](mailto:jkowalski@ggu.edu).

### **NOVEMBER 6 CELEBRATE THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GGU LLM IN TAXATION PROGRAM!**

When it was founded, GGU’s LLM in Taxation Program was the first such program at a US law school west of the Mississippi. Today, more than 120 individuals are enrolled. Golden Gate will celebrate the program’s growth and contributions to the legal community during the coming year—details to come! For more information, contact Kim Stanley at [kstanley@ggu.edu](mailto:kstanley@ggu.edu) or 415-442-7037.



**NOVEMBER 13: SILICON VALLEY GGU  
ALUMNI NETWORKING MIXER**, 6–8 pm. Contact Lenore McDonald, 415-442-7824, [lmcdonald@ggu.edu](mailto:lmcdonald@ggu.edu).

### **NOVEMBER 14: URBAN PARKS EQUITY: INCOME, RACE, AND OPEN SPACE**

Environmental Law Symposium, 9am–5pm, GGU. MCLE available. Contact Paul Kibel, 415-442-6685, [kibel@ggu.edu](mailto:kibel@ggu.edu).

### **DECEMBER 4: GGU BRIDGE SOCIETY LUNCHEON**

Contact Elizabeth Brady, 415-442-7813, [ebrady@ggu.edu](mailto:ebrady@ggu.edu).

### **JANUARY 24, 2009: BEAT THE CLOCK MCLE AND NETWORKING PROGRAM**

9am–5pm, GGU. Contact Mateo Jenkins at 415-442-6541, [mjenkins@ggu.edu](mailto:mjenkins@ggu.edu).

### **FEBRUARY 19, 2009: CENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN COMPLETION CELEBRATION**

Contact Elizabeth Brady at 415-442-7813, [ebrady@ggu.edu](mailto:ebrady@ggu.edu).

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